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1. On 5 April 1950, FURSTENWALDE airfield, (V33), which lies about 2.5 kilometers NNE of the town, was occupied by approximately 1,200 Soviet ground troops. Of these, some 300 were taking tank training while the rest appeared to be attending an AA school. There were no aircraft or SAF personnel at the field and no airfield construction was going on.
2. Local residents stated that young officers and EM frequently arrive from other towns for short instruction periods. Most of the EM seen by source were Mongolians of the 1932 and 1933 classes. * Troops wore black straps/red piping; supervising officers and NCO's wore artillery insignia.
3. According to local rumors, there are more than eighty AA guns of various calibers at FURSTENWALDE airfield. Actually observed were four 85 mm AA and twelve 57 mm AA guns, the latter on outrigger mounts with rubber tires. Four tractors were standing in front of a hangar (1). All guns were being used for training. The target was a PE-3 which hovered over the field at about 2,000 meters. There also was training on range and altitude instruments and with small groups on the runway and in the woods on both sides of the railroad line(sic).
4. Three T-34's were being used for driving instruction at an area (16) west of the BUCHHOLZ highway. The tanks were directed by radio and loudspeaker from the observation tower (17). Tents were pitched in the woods bordering the tank training area. A dirt road running through this encampment had been blocked off.

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